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FOR SECRETARY AND ATHERTON FROM WISNER

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: MESSAGE TO HASSAN

1. GIVEN KING HASSAN'S CONTINUING CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE, WE
SUGGEST YOU CONSIDER SENDING HIM A MESSAGE. FOLLOWING IS
PROPOSED TEXT OF TELEGRAM TO RABAT SLUGGED FOR AMBASSADOR
FROM THE SECRETARY.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

GIVEN HASSAN'S CONTINUING AND CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE IN THE
MIDDLE EAST
BELIEVE A PERSONAL
MESSAGE TO HASSAN FROM ME IS IN ORDER. PLEASE DELIVER THE
FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO THE KING ASAP BY THE MOST EXPEDITIOUS
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MEANS.

"YOUR MAJESTY:

I WISH TO TAKE THE OCCASION TO GIVE YOU MY PERSONAL EVALUATION OF THE STATUS OF THE PEACE PROCESS IN THE MIDDLE EAST. AT THE OUTSET, LET ME EXPRESS OUR HIGHEST ADMIRATION FOR YOUR PERSONAL ROLE IN SUPPORT OF PRESIDENT SADAT'S INITIATIVES. AS YOU KNOW, WE SHARE WITH YOU THE DETERMIN-

ATION THAT THE PEACE PROCESS BE SUCCESSFUL AND THAT THE FORTHCOMING TALKS IN JERUSALEM AND CAIRO BECOME THE REQUIRED STEPPING-STONES TO THE GOAL OF A JUST, COMPREHENSIVE AND DURABLE PEACE.

WE BELIEVE PROGRESS WAS MADE AT ISMAILIA. BOTH SIDES MADE CLEAR THEIR CONTINUING COMMITMENT TO A COMPREHENSIVE PEACE, THE ATMOSPHERE WAS GOOD AND A BASIS FOR FURTHER PROGRESS WAS ESTABLISHED.

IT IS NOT SURPRISING THAT DIFFICULT ISSUES REMAIN TO BE SOLVED. WHAT IS IMPORTANT IS THAT PROGRESS WAS MADE. OBVIOUSLY, THE MAIN PROBLEM THAT REMAINS TO BE RESOLVED IS THE PALESTINIAN QUESTION. BOTH SIDES RECOGNIZE THAT FURTHER PROGRESS WILL HAVE TO BE MADE ON THE ISSUE.

AS I HAVE STATED PUBLICLY, WE DO NOT ENDORSE THE ISRAEL

PROPOSAL BUT CONSIDER IT AN APPROPRIATE STARTING POINT.

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THE PRESIDENT AND I WILL BE DISCUSSING THIS ISSUE IN OUR TALKS WITH KING HUSSEIN, THE SHAH AND KING KHALID (AND PRESIDENT SADAT). OUR FOCUS WILL BE ON THE NEED TO BE SUPPORTIVE OF THE CURRENT DIALOGUE BETWEEN EGYPT AND ISRAEL WHILE RECOGNIZING THE DESIRABILITY OF STIMULATING THE CONDITIONS WHICH WOULD ENCOURAGE A BROADER ARAB PARTICIPATION. OBVIOUSLY, THE KEY TO MOVEMENT IN THIS DIRECTION IS FOCUSED ON THE FUTURE STATUS OF THE WEST BANK AND GAZA. IN OUR VIEW, IT IS UNREALISTIC TO EXPECT THE ISRAELIS TO ACCEPT AN INDEPENDENT PALESTINIAN STATE. NEVERTHELESS, A SOLUTION SHOULD BE POSSIBLE WHICH DOES NOT CONTEMPLATE A PERPETUAL OCCUPATION BY ISRAELI MILITARY FORCES AND WHICH GIVES THE PALESTINIANS INVOLVED A LEGITIMATE VOICE IN THEIR FUTURE.

AS YOU KNOW, THE U.S. HAS BEEN INVITED TO ATTEND THE JERUSALEM TALKS WHICH OPEN IN MID-JANUARY. I WILL LEAD OUR DELEGATION AND EXPECT TO SPEND THE FIRST FEW DAYS IN ATTENDANCE. ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON WILL ACCOMPANY ME AND WILL LEAD OUR DELEGATION IN MY ABSENCE. WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY IN THIS HISTORIC MEETING WHICH WILL MEAN SO MUCH TO OUR

COMMON SEARCH FOR PEACE.

IN CLOSING, YOUR MAJESTY, LET ME EMPHASIZE OUR GREAT
APPRECIATION FOR YOUR ROLE IN THIS QUEST FOR PEACE. AS

ALWAYS, THE PRESIDENT AND I WOULD WELCOME YOUR VIEWS ON
CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS. SINCERELY, CYRUS VANCE.
END TEXT. CHRISTOPHER

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